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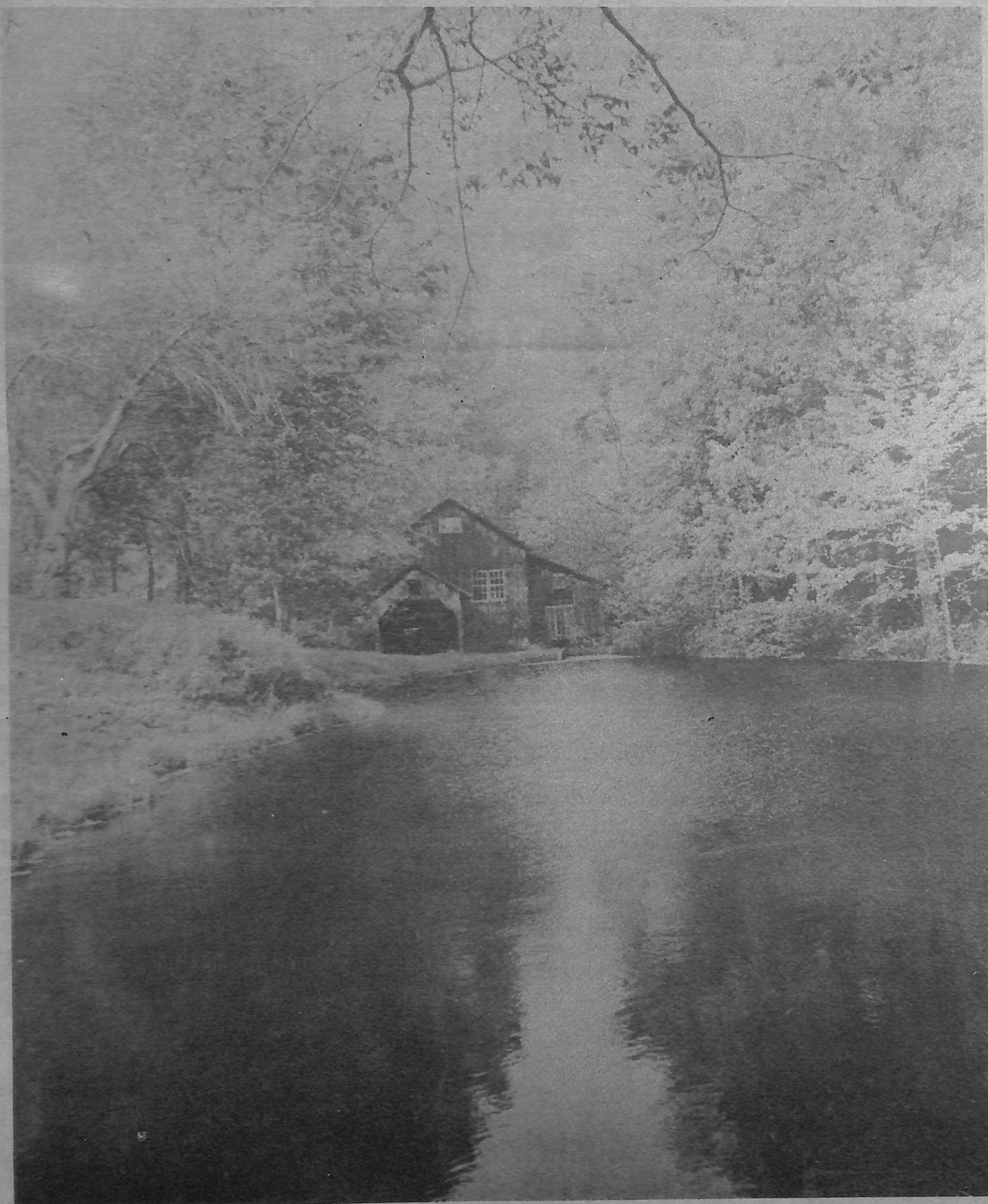
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AHS PRINCIPAL JOHN A. MORRISSEY

Morrissey Appointed AHS Principal

By Joanne Brown

In action taken Tuesday evening, the School Committee appointed John A. Morrissey principal of Agawam High School effective immediately. Previously assistant principal, Morrissey had assumed the top post on an interim basis when the late principal David Theodorowicz first became ill last spring.

Following formal interviews of three candidates by the board, Superintendent of Schools James V. Bruno, Jr. recommended Morrissey as the "candidate who stands out because of his experience and performance in the difficult role of acting principal."

Board member Rosemary Sandlin moved to appoint Morrissey and Roberta Doering seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Morrissey won out over two other in-house candidates: Robert Farrell, a seventh grade history teacher at the Middle School; and Paul Cavallo, director of the Agawam Guidance Department. All candidates were interviewed in open session.

In remarks made during his interview, Morrissey indicated he believes his role as principal will be enhanced by the cooperation he is capable of eliciting from staff members.

"I believe my teachers respect me and what I'm trying to do and will, therefore, go along with my requests," Morrissey declared. He weighed this factor as most important in the qualities a leader must possess.

He did indicate, though, that he will be hard-line on many issues such as both teacher and student punctuality, student smoking only within the designated area, successful academic performance by athletes, and suspension, whether internal or external, for serious wrongdoing.

He told board members he'd like to use peer pressure for good, in reverse of current trends.

"If peer pressure can make a kid drink or smoke, then it should be able to be used in reverse to help kids do good things," he noted.

He also hopes to draw on the background and expertise of his department heads whenever necessary, particularly in evaluating teacher performance.

Morrissey earned both a bachelor's and master's degree in education at Westfield State College. In addition, he has accumulated twenty semester hours beyond the master's level.

He is married with seven children and resides with his family in Westfield.

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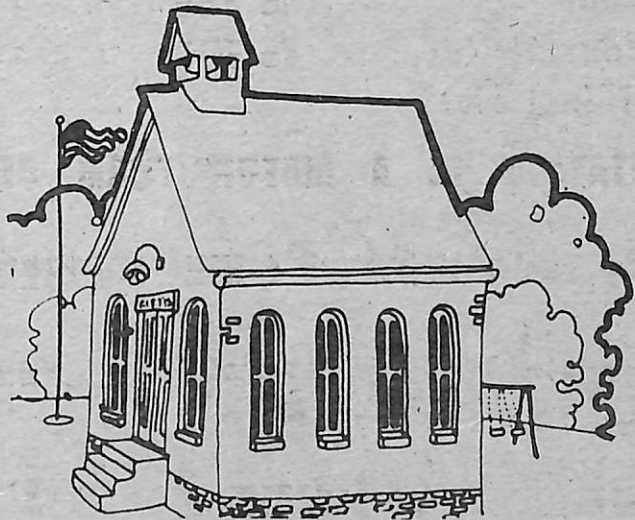
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Sewerless Residents Want Answers

By Stuart Parker

A high emotional pitch and many of the 401 homeowners in Feeding Hills facing betterment assessments on the Phase II Sewer Project filled the Junior High School cafeteria Monday night.

In the meeting called by Precinct 2 councilmen Walter T. Kerr and William Herd to field questions and answer concerns, residents expressed their frustration over Town Council's inability to reduce more than \$2,000 special betterment assessment with town funds.

The organized residents have petitioned for a second public meeting on October 14 with councilors and officials.

Town Treasurer David Gallano said the effects of Proposition 2 1/2 made it impossible for the town to absorb any more than the \$1,100,828 already agreed upon figure of \$2,917,328 project. Town Manager Ed A. Caba, also in attendance, pointed out that an increase of the town's share of financing would cause a loss of municipal services.

Surplus Funds

Under fire from angry homeowners, Caba and councilors Kerr and Herd said any unanticipated surplus of revenue would be earmarked for the Phase II project.

Many homeowners, led by Sewerless Home Committee chairman Will Daignault, charged the council with mismanagement of the Phase II sewer project. "This sewer has been nine years in the making and now it can't be built without putting an unfair burden of the cost of the homeowner," said Daignault.

"I suggest we continue to delay the project until we pay an equitable and fair amount," Daignault said amidst cheers of "rescind the amendment" and "no sewers."

After the meeting, when emotions had somewhat subsided, Daignault conceded that even without further town aid the sewer project was worthwhile for the area.

Before the EPA guidelines were tightened in 1979, the federal government paid for as much as 75 percent of collector sewer costs, and the state as much as 15 percent. Because the sewer project did not qualify for state aid in 1978, the council waited to see if the project would be eligible for state aid in 1979. By this time, however, no federal funds were available. The state did pass legislation providing a grant for 40 percent of collector sewer construction costs.

Must Begin By Oct. 29th

"The grant from the state, \$988,875, or 34 percent of our total project costs, will be good only if we begin construction by October 29," said Superintendent of Public Works John P. Stone. "If we don't have a payroll for the construction of the sewer by that time, we lose the grant."

Daignault described the meeting as disappointing. "I hope in the meeting we've petitioned for October 14 the councilmen will have some answers."

As it currently stands, homeowners affected by Phase II will have to pay \$320 up front for a connection from the main sewer to their property line, a \$240 general benefit assessment, a varied amount for piping from their property line to their house, a \$10 inspection fee, and \$2,000 based on the value of the dollar in 1981 in betterment assessment which would be due after completion of the project.

This completion is estimated to be up to 18 months and residents could pay the fee over a period of 20 years at a rate of 2 percent interest above the rate obtained by the town (currently 14 percent). Those over 65 could defer payment until their property changes ownership.

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Mayor Committee Issues Challenge To Opposition

The chairman of the Mayor Action Committee today challenged the chairman of group supporting the present manager/15-member council charter to a public debate.

Peter Longo, a local businessman, issued the challenge to Jack LoMonaco of the Committee To Keep Effectiveness, Efficiency, and Professionalism in town government. KEEP is the group formed to offset an attempt to bring an elected mayor to Town Hall.

Longo's steering committee is comprised of six of the original members of the 1970 charter commission which drew up the town manager charter.

The group also has several former selectmen and town councilors in its ranks.

In challenging LoMonaco to debate the merits of the manager charter as opposed to an elected mayor and at-large council chosen by all the voters, Longo said, "The Mayor Action Committee would be more than pleased to get the manager support group out in the open."

Longo continued, "I look forward to debating Mr. LoMonaco. I believe that the chairman of each committee should face the voters and allow them to hear the arguments for the mayor and for the manager."

He added, "Mr. LoMonaco's group has thus far done very little to defend their form of government other than say that outside town managers were responsible for the town's present financial status and so-called efficiency in town government."

Longo declared that he looks forward to LoMonaco explaining to the public how the outside managers were responsible for Agawam weathering the effects of Proposition 2 1/2. The Mayor Action Committee maintains that these outsiders committed one mistake after another, and if it had not been for the former elected town meeting and boards of selectmen building a strong financial base over many years, the town would be in deep trouble today.

Longo said the community is continuing to swing in favor of the mayoral charter and that, as the election campaign continues, more and more residents will place their support in the Mayor Action Committee.

"I think the only way for residents to see for themselves what the mayor can do for Agawam and how the manager has hindered the town is for Mr. LoMonaco to come out and meet me in debate," Longo stated. "I am confident that when this happens it will certainly show that the Mayor Action Committee has some concrete solutions to the present indecisive and erratic state of the present form of government."

Longo suggested that the week prior to the election would be ideal for such a debate with LoMonaco. He said the site and time will be announced if LoMonaco accepts his challenge.

Last week, Longo presented Acting Town Clerk Rita Rose with approximately 2,000 signatures of registered voters to place the mayor/nine-member council at-large on the ballot.

Mrs. Rose said the clerk's office certified the signatures several days later. A minimum of 1,200 signatures of registered voters were needed.

Bartnik Defeated Mayor Candidates Win In Primary

By Stuart Parker

Incumbent John Bartnik, a strong pro-manager candidate seeking his third term serving Precinct 3 as a town councilor, was low-man-out in the five man Precinct 3 primary following the vote count Tuesday night.

The most significant result from this primary may be that the top three finishers supported the mayoral charter. Long time precinct councilor Donald Rheault, Jack Shaughnessy and David Skolnick placed one, two, and three respectively while newcomer Richard Conlon outpolled Bartnik for the fourth and final slot. The foursome will now compete for the precinct's two council seats on November 3.

The precinct reported a turnout of 22 1/2% with 729 ballots cast. Rheault, seeking his fourth term on Town Council, was the big winner with 252 votes.

Rheault said if the mayoral charter is passed in the general election, he would support and work with any man of the electorate's choosing. He said, "I believe my record as a councilor was a big factor in the polling. I also believe my upfront support for a mayor was significant in the voting. People want a change in the government."

Rheault was a hardliner during last spring's budget deliberations and was critical of former Town Manager Richard J. Bowen's elimination of the Parks Department.

Shaughnessy, in finishing a strong second with 181 votes, endorsed the mayor and was critical of Bartnik's support of Bowen's cutting of the Parks budget.

Shaughnessy said the results of the primary prove that people are supporting a mayoral charter, adding, "the statistics speak for themselves." He said if elected, if would willingly serve on the Route 57 committee.

Skolnick, third, with 116 votes, felt the mayoral charter as the "main factor" in the results of Tuesday's balloting, and called the funding for the Parks Department "a necessity."

Conlon's position was a big surprise to many political observers who felt that his inexperience would hurt his chances. But Conlon campaigned vigorously during the past few weeks which played a big factor in his finish.

According to Bartnik, the mayoral issue was still to be decided in November. He said the funding for the Parks Department was not a major issue in the precinct campaign.

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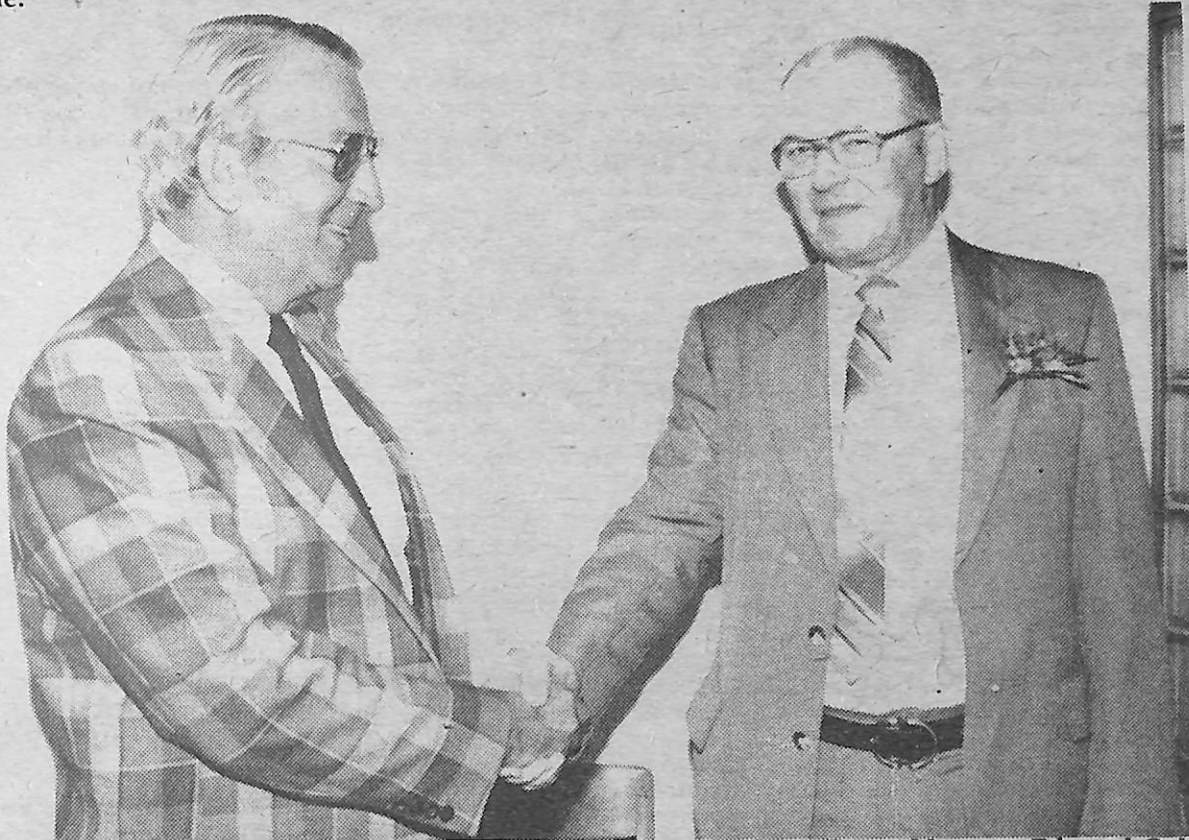
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Caba Sworn-In At Town Hall Ceremony



TOWN MANAGER EDWARD A. CABA takes the oath of office from Acting Town Clerk Rita Rose as his wife Marge and his granddaughter Kristen Wright look on. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.



PRECINCT ONE COUNCILOR FREDERICK NARDI congratulates Town Manager Edward Caba at a party at the Town Hall held in honor of Caba last week. Caba's secretaries, Kay, Linda and Susan ran the affair which brought many friends, town employees and well-wishes out to congratulate Caba. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.



WALTER A. BALBONI

Balboni Announces For School Board

School Committee Chairman Walter A. Balboni today announced his candidacy for re-election. Mr. Balboni, now completing 16 years on the board, has served on the Enrollment Study Committee, the Junior High Building Committee, and other offices of the School Committee. He previously served as Chairman of the Housing Authority for 5 years, was a member of the Town Personnel Board for 6 years, was a former Town Meeting member for 20 years, and a former auxiliary policeman for 18 years.

Balboni is manager of State Dental Laboratory, and a member of the Agawam UNICO. He resides at 188 Walnut Street, with his wife Rose and son John.

His statement follows: "I believe my record on the School Committee for the past 16 years has been one of progress and accomplishment. The responsibilities of a school committeeman are numerous and require knowledge and expertise that are acquired only with continued experience.

Throughout these years of constant change, I have demanded quality education for every tax dollar expended. This has resulted in operating costs below all surrounding communities without sacrificing academic programs. This practice, because of Proposition 2 1/2, proved itself this year and allowed Agawam schools to escape the desperate economic condition of many area schools.

I have not hesitated to speak out on issues, nor will I stop doing so if re-elected. I believe that when issues are brought to the public, we become better informed and more involved in our school problems.

As chairman during this past year of turmoil and upheaval, I believe my experience and knowledge brought stability and the needed leadership in administering the policies and programs.

You, the voters, have placed your confidence and trust for me for many years. I once again ask that same support, so that I may continue to resolve the many problems of a school system that enjoys the reputation of being second to none. If re-elected, I pledge to continue my support of our educational standards for the youth of Agawam."

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At least seven floats and over 28 marching bands will take part along with representatives from various clubs, businesses, and the Melha Shrine contingents.

Lacienski Reaffirms Commitment To Candidacy

Daniel Lacienski of South West Street, today released the following statement regarding his candidacy for Town Council in Precinct Two. He said, "When I announced for the office of councilman in April of this year, it was obvious to me that more aggressive and concerned leadership was necessary on our Town Council.

The events of the last six months bear out my assumption that new leadership is needed. My business background as vice president and a member of the Board of Directors of Palm Beach Medical Corporation, a \$7.5 million annual business, will be invaluable to me in the review of our town budget.

It will also prove beneficial when dealing with the financial and contractual agreements that will come before Town Council.

I pledge that I will not take the word of the administration or anyone else, in or out of Town Hall, that facts are as they tell us they are. I will investigate matters on my own. I will be vocal in informing my constituents of those matters which I believe will affect them."

Lacienski has been active in local affairs. He is the past chairman of A.C.T. (Agawam Citizens Together), chairman of the town's St. Patrick Day's Parade Committee, and a former member of the Industrial Development Commission.

He has been an active member of the Polish American Club. He has a deep interest in the children of the community and has coached baseball for both the Sacred Heart Athletic Association and the Agawam Athletic Association. He has also served as commissioner of the track program for the AAA.

Lacienski was a member of the board of directors for both the SHAA and AAA and is presently the executive vice-president of the AAA.

He resides at 268 South West Street with his wife Lee and their three children.

**MRS. ROBERTA DOERING
Roberta Doering
Declares Candidacy**

Roberta G. Doering of 915 River Road formally announces her candidacy for re-election to the Agawam School Committee.

Mrs. Doering is the wife of Dr. James A. Doering, a practicing pediatrician with offices in Agawam. She has been a resident of the town for 29 years and has served as a town meeting member as well as a member of the Personnel Board.

She is completing her sixth term on the School Committee, and during that time has served as chairperson, vice-chairperson, and secretary. In September, 1981, the High School Building Committee, of which Mrs. Doering is a member, officially turned the new addition over to the School Committee.

For over four years, Mrs. Doering represented Agawam as a trustee to the Westover Occupational Resource Collaborative. She pledges to continue to work for vocational education despite the defeat of the collaborative.

Presently, Mrs. Doering is serving her second term as area chairperson of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees and is a member of the MASC's board of directors. She also was re-appointed to a second term on the state advisory committee for basic skills improvement.

Mrs. Doering has been active for many years in the Metropolitan Springfield Young Men's Christian Association, serving as Camp Norwich chairperson for six years and on the board of directors for ten years. She was elected the first woman president of the YMCA in its 128-year history.

Mrs. Doering says, "For the past 12½ years, I have worked diligently for the townspeople of Agawam to give them capable representation on the School Committee. I am confident that I have the experience and qualifications to continue serving the people of Agawam on the committee and therefore ask for your support in the upcoming election."

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Moreno Candidate In At-Large Race

"Because I started the fight and will fight to the finish to wipe out the Sewer Betterment fees," I am a candidate for Town Council at-large today said Valentine R. Moreno, a former councilor at-large.

I am a candidate for the office because I know I can contribute to the needs of the people of Agawam. The taxpayers in this community have been hit with ever increasing taxes, fees, increased water rates, increased sewer user fees. Sewerless homeowners are being discriminated against by being chosen to pay increased sewer connection fees (\$480) and outrageously high betterment charges (\$2,300). These residents should not have to pay these charges since they already paid and will continue to pay for everyone else's through their tax dollars.

Town Council allowed the town manager to go on a spending spree with your money without authority. I want you, the taxpayers, to know that the councilors that brag about how they hold the line on taxes these past years are pulling the wool over your eyes.

They have been hiding behind Federal Revenue Sharing (\$875,000) this year alone, millions in grants, water pollution money, free cash (\$800,000 this year alone, school support funds and approximately \$1.7 million in recently received state aid.

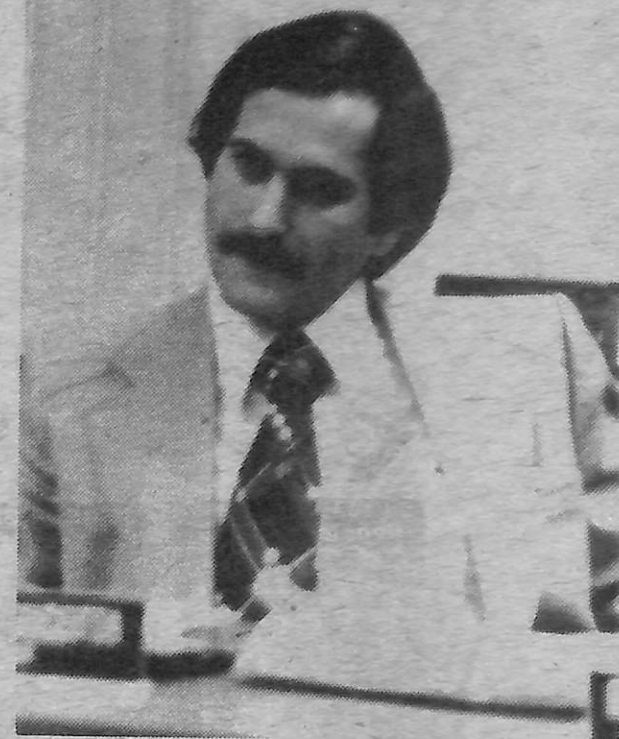
The above-mentioned are just a few of the reasons why experience is needed in this government. Handling this enormous amount of money in the best interests of the taxpayers is a responsibility that has not been followed by our town administration and Town Council. Several of these councilors contribute nothing to government but lip service.

These councilors just fill the seat like clones and nod their heads when they get the signal. They make no contribution in the thought process necessary to make independent decisions, they simply follow the dictates of the administration, who, say they are paid to do their thinking for them.

I believe they don't realize that the town charter states that "all the powers of the town shall be rested in the Town Council which shall provide for the exercise thereof." Since the responsibility of the doings of the town rests with the Town Council, then you, the people with complaints and frustrations should reflect your feelings in the ballot box at election time.

I have been fighting your cause for some 35 years. I would like to serve from the inside so that I can be more effective in helping the taxpayers of this town by taking direct action to resolve these pressing issues.

I will appreciate your help and vote.



STEPHEN R. CINCOTTA

Cincotta Announces For At-Large Seat

Councilman Stephen R. Cincotta, councilor-at-large, in a re-election statement today appealed for voter support.

Cincotta, who has served two terms on the Agawam Town Council, stated, "I seek re-election with the full knowledge that Agawam, like other cities and towns, faces economic problems in the days that lie ahead. I am confident that working with my colleagues, the Town Manager, and the citizens I represent, we can meet these problems and overcome them by working quietly and efficiently."

Cincotta continued by stating that Agawam is fortunate to have made a great deal of progress under the council/manager form of government.

"We have managed to provide the necessary services and, at the same time, maintain a reasonable tax rate. Much more so than most other cities and towns," he said.

If re-elected, Cincotta pledges to continue to act in the best interests of the townspeople.

Cincotta is the general manager of New England Countertops. He resides at 72 Joanne Circle with his wife Mary and their three children, Gina, Stephen, Jr., and Joseph.

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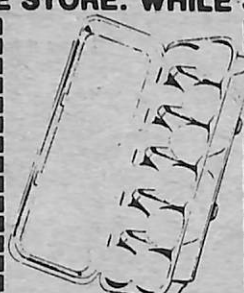
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CRUSHED
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Agawam Chamber Holds Breakfast



AT THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE breakfast meeting last Thursday at Crestview, Robert J. Schwartz of the Greater Springfield Chamber, Raymond Pierczarka, president of the Agawam Chamber, James Vinick, the guest speaker and Donald Williams of Westfield Savings Bank and program chairman of the breakfast relax following a good meal.

Fiske-Myrick Marriage Announced

The marriage of Claire Melanson Fiske of Middlebury, Vermont, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Melanson of 844 Main Street, Agawam, to R. Lawrence Myrick, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Myrick of Bridport, Vermont, took place on September 12, 1981 at the home of the groom's parents in Bridport.

Mr. Walter Cawley, justice of the peace, officiated at the double ring ceremony for the immediate family only.

A reception for 150 guests at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Middlebury followed the ceremony.

The bride wore a Gunne Sax gown with a Queen Anne neckline and satin ribbons and lace down the bodice and had baby's breath tied with a cream satin ribbon along with silk flowers of slate blue, rose pink and lavender in her hair.

She carried a nosegay of white wedding roses, pink roses, pink and white carnations, stephanotis, and baby's breath with matching ribbons.

Ms. Lynne Stedman from Northampton served as maid of honor in a rose and cream crepe gown with spaghetti straps and a sheer overlay gathered at the bodice. She carried a nosegay similar to the bride's.

Francis Bronson stood as best man.

The wedding cakes were baked by the groom's aunt, Mrs. Fred Myrick, and the guest book was attended by Robin Vetter of Salisbury.

The couple resides in Middlebury, Vermont, since their return from a honeymoon trip to the Virginia-Maryland area.

The bride is a graduate of Agawam High School and is employed as a receptionist for Simmond's Precision, I.C.D., Vergennes, Vermont.

The groom is a graduate of M.U.H.S. and earned a B.S. in forestry at the University of Vermont. He is assistant manager at Broughton's Farm Supply in Bridport.

Sacred Heart Sponsors Living Rosary

The Rosary Altar Society of Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills, will open its 1981-82 season with a Living Rosary in the church on Tuesday, October 13th, at 7:30 p.m.

Following recitation of the rosary, the business meeting will be held in the parish center with Father Joseph Flood as guest speaker.

Mrs. Mary Malachowski is chairperson for the evening. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

Pheasant Hill Club Slates Monte Carlo Whist Party

A Monte Carlo Whist Party sponsored by the Pheasant Hill Social Club will be held on Monday, October 19th, at 7 p.m. in the Pheasant Hill Village Skylark Room.

Many door prizes and home-made desserts will be served.

Members of the club heading committees are Rose Mezzetti and Jenny Juzba assisted by Millie Bigelow, Ellen Tisdell, Laura Dugan, Iris Scott, Phil Mercadante, and Ursula O'Neill.

Ticket donation will be \$1.50. They may be purchased for any committee member.

MUNICIPAL EVENTS

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Tues., October 13th
Town Council Meeting
Agawam Public Library
8 P.M.

Tues., October 13th
School Committee Meeting
Jr. High (Supt.'s Conf. Rm.)
7 P.M.

Thurs., October 15th
School Comm. Candidates' Night
Agawam Jr. High Auditorium
7:30 P.M.

Thurs., October 15th
Board Of Appeals Meeting
Agawam Public Library
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Church Societies Combine Activities

The Holy Name Society and the Holy Rosary Society of St. Anthony of Padua Church will commence their monthly meetings on Tuesday, October 13th, with mass at 6 p.m. and corporate communion and installation of officers by Rev. Joseph Fellin.

Holy Name officers to be installed are Paul Ferrarini, president; Victor Pinzone, vice-president; Kenneth Balboni, secretary; and Robert Baj, treasurer.

Holy Rosary officers to be installed are Margaret Ardizoni, president; Eva Nascembeni, vice-president; Patricia Orlosk, secretary; and Dolores Gatti, treasurer.

A combined potluck supper in the church will follow. The two societies will split up for business meetings after dining.





Friends and Neighbors

Agawam teenagers heard the call and rallied to the cause of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. On Sunday, October 4th, the Diabetes Foundation sponsored a Skate-a-Thon to raise money for research. Approximately 300 kids from the Springfield area participated this Second Annual Skate-a-Thon sponsored by the Diabetes Foundation.

When all the facts and figures are in, we will announce the prize winners as well as the amount earned by the Foundation. In the meantime, the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation wishes to thank each and every teen who helped.

Residents of the West Building at Heritage Hall Nursing Home were treated to a birthday party Sunday, October 4 when the friends and family of FLORENCE GRECO helped her to celebrate her 85th birthday. Helping to celebrate the happy occasion were Mrs. Greco's five children; MR. WILLIAM GRECO, MRS. LYDIA MARTINETTE, MRS. SALLY LAPIERRE, MRS. ANDRE MALLETTE AND MRS. BETTY BAZAK. One grandson, RONALD MARTINETTE came from Texas with his family to be with his grandmother. It was a fun day for all, complete with a clown, cake, soda and presents. Mrs. Greco is the widow of ROCCO GRECO and formerly lived on Mill Street for over 60 years. Happy 85th Florence.

KAREN MALLETTE, a graduate of Agawam High School is currently enjoying her senior year at California State College in Chico, California. Karen graduated from Agawam High in 1978. She went to Holyoke Community College for 2 years, followed by 1 year at the University of Massachusetts.

Karen has gone to Cal. State as an exchange student from UMass. She is majoring in Environmental Science. She tells her folks, MR. & MRS. ANDRE MALLETTE of North Street, Agawam, that it took a little adjusting at first, but now she is used to the climate and though she misses friends and family, she likes the school. Any of her friends who wish to drop Karen a line, get in touch with her family.

A winner is a winner is a winner...So it seems with LOUISE VOGT. Louise, you may remember, recently won a blue ribbon at the Garden Club Flower show and has brought home a blue ribbon from the Big E for one of her arrangements. Proud husband, FRED, called to give us the news. We would have talked to Louise about her winning arrangement, but she is currently visiting her daughter, MARY LARSEN in Hawaii.

Mary's husband is stationed in the Air Force there. Louise took her daughter-in-law, DIANE RUSSELL from New Hampshire along with her. She'll have more than flowers to tell us about when she returns.

Rain and wind didn't seem to hurt the business of some of those Agawam citizens who had concessions at the Big E that ended last week. In the craft department, LINDA STONE of 986 Main Street had silk flowers and Christmas ornaments. She says she will definitely be back to the Big E next year.

This was only Linda's second year at the Fair, but she loved it. The CONNOR FAMILY of 222 South Westfield Street, says their paper flower stand is a family venture and they plan for it to continue at the Big E. The ROBERT BARBARINI's of 63 Belvedere Avenue, came up with the idea of giant donuts about 6 years ago and that's how long they have been at the Big E.

If anything, the rain may have helped them as they also sell hot coffee with their donuts and found business as usual. EDDIE BORCATTI and his "Italian T..." and customers lined up all the time. Bad weather didn't hurt his business at all and previous publicity had brought a lot of old timers in looking for those specialties. This is Eddie's sixth year at the Big E and you can... there will be a seventh.

You are welcome to send items of social or civic interest to Rita White by calling 786-4970 or by calling the newspaper office at 786-7747 or 786-8147. Ask for Rita and we'll make sure she gets your message.



KELLY BLAISDELL, ROSEMARIE MIRANDA, MIKE ROBINSON, and TERRI EAGAN participated in the Muscular Dystrophy Skate-a-Thon. See "Friends and Neighbors. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Congo Church Plans Chicken Pie Supper

The Ladies Aid Society of the Agawam Congregational Church will hold its annual Chicken Pie Supper on October 22nd with sittings at 5:00 and at 6:15 in the church social room, 745 Main Street.

Featured on the menu will be chicken pie, mashed potatoes, squash, cabbage salad, cranberry sauce, pickles, rolls, and beverages. Homemade apple pie will be dessert.

Children under 12 will be admitted at a reduced price.

Accepting reservations are Mrs. Daniel Binnenkade, 385 School Street, or Mrs. Archie Merrill, 37 Plantation Drive. Reservations close on Tuesday, October 20th.

UNICO Plans Meeting

Agawam UNICO will have its monthly dinner meeting on Wednesday, October 14th, at Hampden County House of Correction, York Street, Springfield, beginning at 6:30 promptly.

All members are to meet at the entrance to the jail, and Sheriff Michael Ashe will take members through the main block to the cafeteria. A complete tour will follow dinner and remarks by Ashe.

Members will be allowed to bring their sons or neighbor's sons if the boys are ten years of age or older.

Hi-Lighters Plan Dance

The Agawam Hi-Lighters Square Dance Club will hold a dance on Friday, October 9th, at Valley Community Church, South Westfield Street, at 8 p.m. Bob Turnbull will be the caller.

This will be a workshop and dance.

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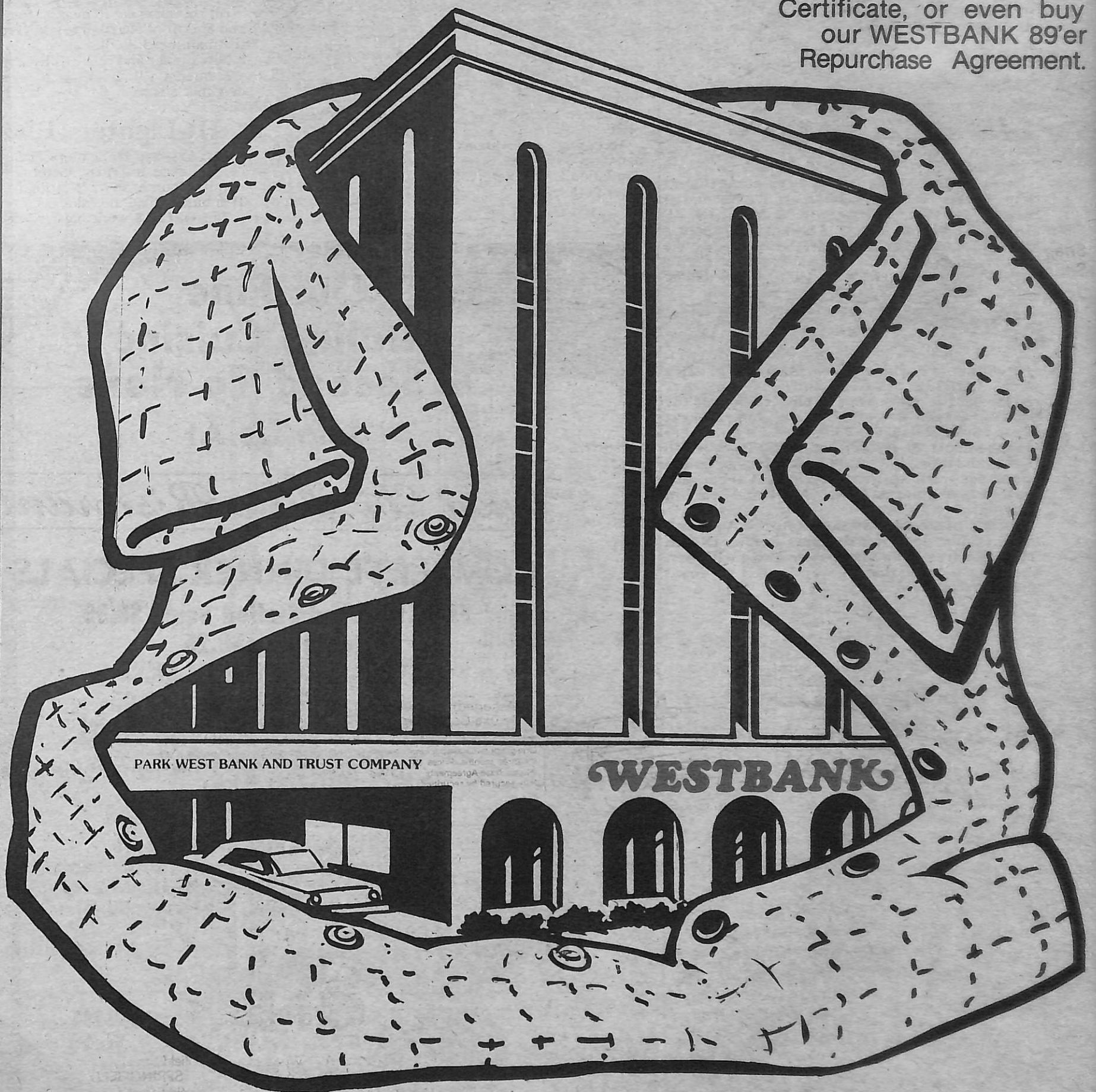
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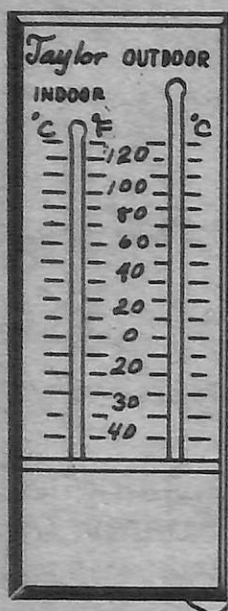
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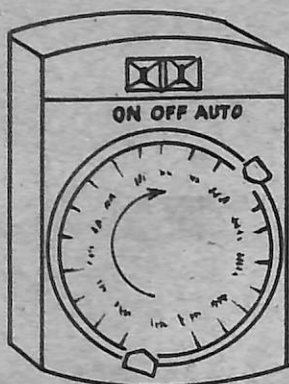
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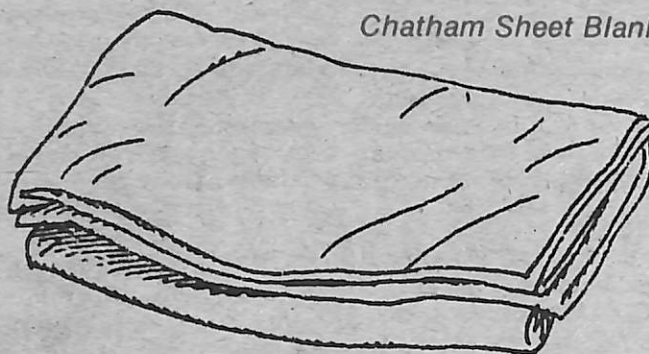
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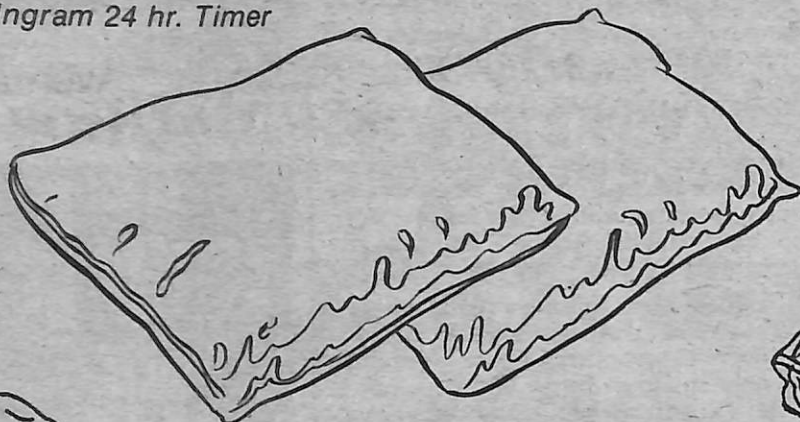
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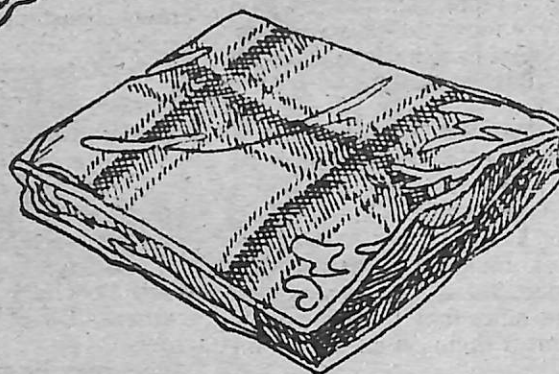
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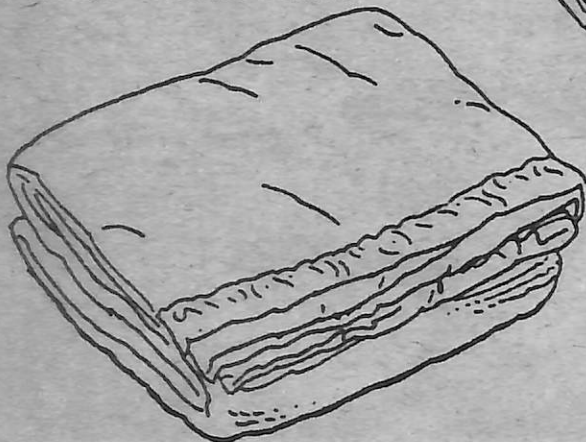


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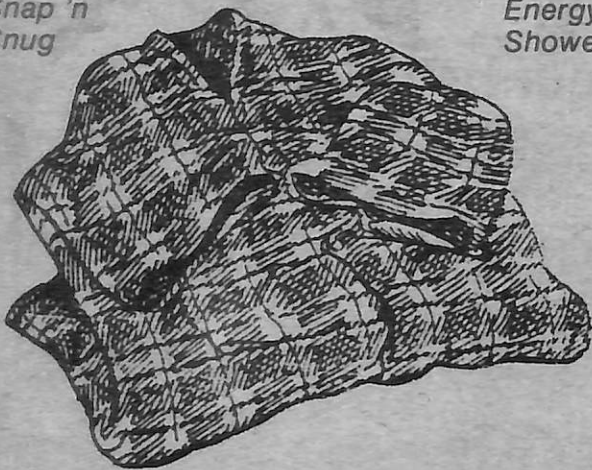


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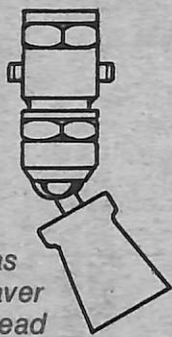
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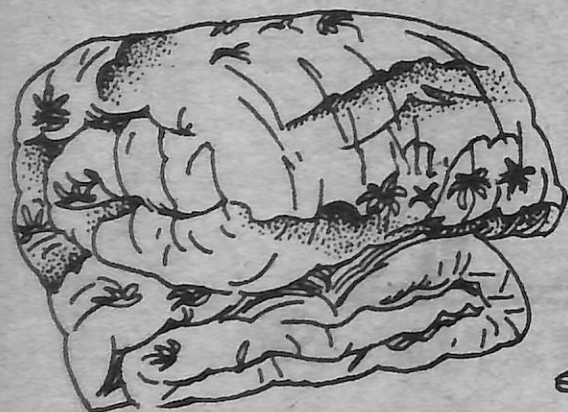
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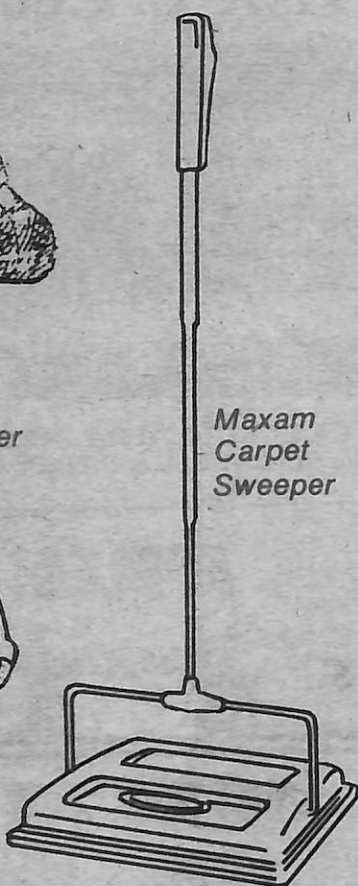
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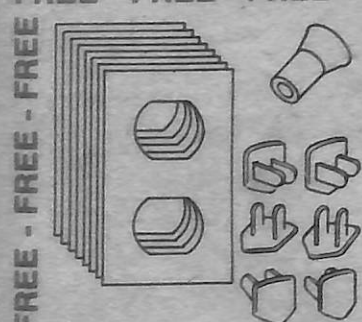
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Light Stuff...

By Jeanne Hofmann

Sociable Skunks and Counting Crows

"Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness..." the poet John Keats described it. Here in New England, we call it Indian summer, and there couldn't be a better time than now to explore the hills and valleys close to home.

There are some interesting things going on behind the scenery, involving the countless creatures with whom we share our corner of the world. From our own backyards to the nearest field, there are wonders to discover - all worth a closer look. Here are just a few:

UNDERGROUND

Most of us human beings would like to leave this world a better place than we found it. The lowly earthworms always do just that. As they eat their way through the soil beneath us, they loosen and aerate it, leaving it more fertile with every inch they travel. Worms can move forward or backward with equal ease - a handy skill since it isn't easy to turn around in a tunnel!

Some thoughts to consider on our next walk across a meadow: in a single acre of land, there can be as many as three million worms. The earthworms living under a pasture often weigh more than the cows on top of it. The ones lucky enough to escape birds, fishermen, and other predators have a life span of fifteen years - not bad for spineless critters without a brain!

IN THE WOODS

Close to the paths we follow are a couple of animals we can enjoy respecting from a distance, the skunk and porcupine, both pacifists with built-in weapons. Many a dog, cat or human has neglected to hear the warning stamping of little skunk feet and been grossly perfumed for such ignorance. But skunks never spray unless the need is great, and since they work the night shift, we aren't likely to meet them on an afternoon stroll.

Right now, in the fall, they are instinctively building up their body fat to get them through a sleepy, hungry winter, so they will be out foraging through our trash and gardens every night. The unfortunate who surprise them there may not realize it, but skunks are actually nice, sociable creatures among their own kind. As many as twenty have been found living peacefully in a communal den - an accomplishment we humans would find difficult to emulate with ease.

Porcupine mothers produce one little "porcupette" each year whose thirty thousand quills are hardened and ready for action within a half hour from birth. Mama sends baby off on its own in a few weeks and why not? Disciplining such a prickly child would be difficult. Here is a case of absolute truth in the old saying, "this spanking will hurt me more than it hurts you."

Porkys have impressive appetites. They will eat boots and ax handles with as much gusto as blueberries. If they happen to find their way into deserted cabin with no food on the table, they may even eat some of the table.

Porcupines back into trouble, and anyone who has been on the receiving end of their five-inch quills will painfully admire them forever for facing their problems so effectively - even in reverse.

IN THE AIR

Raucous, stupid, and just plain ugly: to the unformed, this is an apt description of a crow. Up close, ugly is the wrong word. There is a beautiful iridescent sheen of blue and purple among its black feathers and a bright sharpness to a crow's eyes that pierce us with their intelligence.

Crows are smart as well as resourceful. They have learned to survive even in cities by eating everything from popcorn to roadside carrion. If we really listened to their caws, we'd hear patterns in them because crows constantly communicate with each other. Scientists who have studied "crow" language for many years are convinced they can even count.

Each crow in a flock seems to have a name which it announces with a number of "caws" and pauses - each different from every other. Those seemingly senseless caws may sound awful to our ears, but to the crow, it is the call of friendship and brotherhood.

Before we get to feeling too superior or irritated by the noise, we might consider this thought from Henry Ward Beecher: "If men had wings and bore black feathers, few of them would be clever enough to be crows."

That may be true, but in our featherless, wingless way, we humans have at least two talents not shared by the fellow creatures mentioned here: the talents for discovery and appreciation. We ought to use them more.

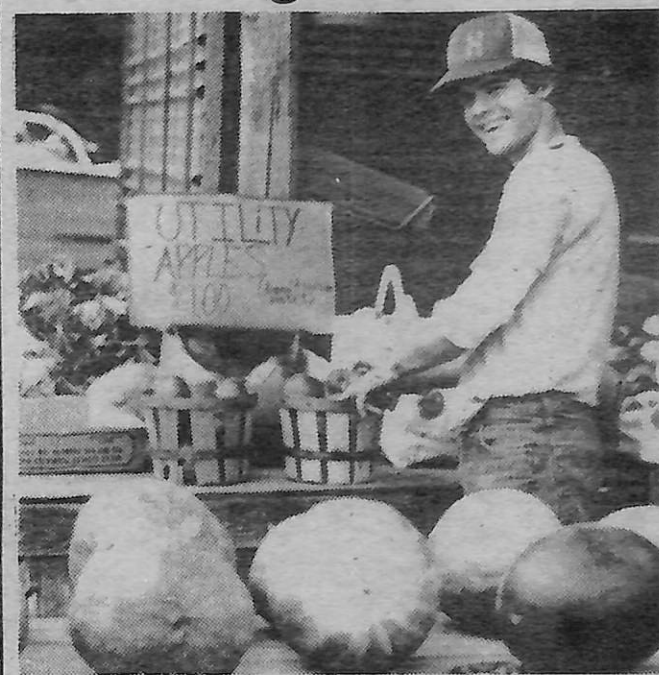
For starters, why don't we get out our old, comfortable shoes and take a walk in the woods today? Maybe a closer look at the other worlds beneath and above us will put us more in tune with our own. It just might be the nicest thing we could do for ourselves this season.

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The Florist's Touch

By Phyllis Hout
Feeding Hills Florist

Part 2 of a two-part series designed to help you with your "garden in a bottle" compliments of Phyllis Hout of Feeding Hills Florist.

When planting your bottle garden, the first layer inside the bottle or terrarium should be a good drainage layer, either coarse builder's sand or very fine gravel. If it is more convenient, buy bird gravel, a mixture of fine gravel, oyster shells and clay.

The depth of the drainage layer is in proportion to the size and design of the container. Its purpose is to serve as a catch-all for the excess water. Next comes the soil mixture. Since the plants are going to stay put for some time, the soil mixture should be rich and well blended with humus.

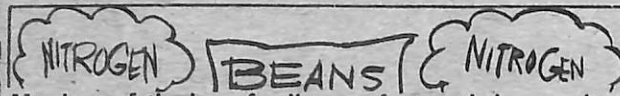
The general "recipe" - one part sand, one part humus and one part sterilized soil - is a good basic one, with perhaps a little extra humus added and some bone meal too. For narrow-necked bottles, use either a plastic food funnel or a long cardboard tube to insert the soil.

Next, the plants themselves, one by one. Long wooden tongs are ideal for handling plants. Hold each plant between the tongs and insert it inside the container. If you can get your hands or a few fingers inside to tuck in the roots, the job is much simpler. Arrange the plants in a banked effect; piling the soil higher in the back and lower toward the front. Put tall plants in the back, the lower plants toward the front and sides, and ground covers at the base.

After the plants are in place, sift a little extra soil in and around them to be sure all the tiny roots are covered. Then with a mister, spray the foliage and then moist the soil until thoroughly wet. Mist the sides of the glass to wash down any soil that spilled. Then put on the glass top or cork the bottle and the garden is on its own. Keep it out of strong light for a few days until the plants adjust to their new surroundings.

Once the garden is settled, its own moisture through transpiration and manufactures its own oxygen. If too much moisture condenses on the sides and lid, take the top off for a few hours. Controlling excess moisture is the chief problem with bottle gardens and terrariums. Once the little ecosystem cycle gets going, however, these should be no problem and many of these bottle gardens have been known to last for several years.

Occasionally, it may be necessary to prune out a dead leaf or replace a dead or overgrown plant. (Being confined, they usually grow very slowly). But the gardens really do seem to grow on and on forever. Keep them in bright light, possibly direct sunlight during the winter months.



Members of the bean family manufacture their own nitrogen that enriches the soil around them. Planting beans in sandy tracts will enable other plants to thrive there as well.

Garden Club To Meet

Herbalist Mary Dupuis of West Springfield will be the guest speaker at the October 13th meeting of the Agawam Garden Club. She will include samples of culinary herb plants and of food cooked with herbs in her program.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House on Main Street. Refreshments will follow, and new members and guests are welcome.

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	The taxable equivalent yield of a <i>Tax-Saver Certificate</i> will be:	16.63%	18.68%	21.68%	24.28%	24.28%



Town Cookbook

By
Mary Ann Govoni

Today my cookbook column has to do with puddings. I was approached by Mrs. Jeanne Sardella who was looking for bread pudding with apples. I had a recipe that I make quite often, so I thought I would try it with apples.

It turned out to be quite tasty, so here it is for Mrs. Sardella and you others who would like to try it.

BREAD PUDDING WITH APPLES

2 Tblsp. butter or marg.
3 eggs slightly beaten
1/2-cup sugar
1/4-teasp. salt
3 large apples peeled & cubed
1 teasp. nutmeg
1 teasp. vanilla
1 quart milk
3 1/2 cups of bread cut into cubes (leave crust on)

Melt butter or margarine, add beaten eggs, sugar, salt, vanilla, nutmeg, and milk. Mix well and pour over bread cubes and apples. Pour into greased 3-quart casserole dish. Sprinkle the top with two teas-

poons of cinnamon. Place casserole into a large baking pan and fill the pan with water just about half way up the side of the casserole dish. Bake in pre-heated oven 350° fifty to sixty minutes. Let pudding stand on wire rack to cool. Can be served warm or cold. Serves 6 to 8.

* Mackintosh or Delicious apples may be used.

This next recipe is an excellent filling for cakes or cupcakes.

CREAM FILLING

1/2 cup sugar
1/3 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 teasp. salt
2 cups milk
2 slightly beaten eggs
1 teasp. vanilla

Mix sugar, flour, salt; slowly stir in milk. Cook and stir over medium heat till mixture boils and thickens; cook two minutes longer. Stir a little of the hot mixture into eggs. Stir into remaining hot mixture. Stirring constantly, bring just to boiling. Add vanilla. Cool. Makes two cups.

COOKTIPS: Grease the tip of the cream or milk pitcher with butter or margarine to prevent the drip.

If parsley is washed with hot water instead of cold, it retains its flavor and is easier to chop.

Send your recipes to me at 982 Springfield Street. P.S. Have you guessed whose Mom Mrs. Sardella is?

For Senior Citizens... New Beginnings

By Rita White

Much too much experience and talent is wasted among our senior citizens today. Now, I know, you are saying, "I can't do anything special, I have no talent." First of all, the fact that you are here indicates a talent for survival. That alone is worth its weight in gold.

Secondly, we all have hidden talents. It is only a question of tapping those hidden resources. Thirdly, many of our talents we simply take for granted, not considering them talents. But there are those who seem to always bake to perfection, garden with the magical "green thumb", those who can turn another's frowns into smiles. All of these things are talents. And all of our years add up to experience. Don't waste your talents and don't let your years of experience slip away without sharing with someone else.

Tickets are now on sale at the Senior Center for the December 9th trip to Coachlight Dinner Theatre to see *KISS ME KATE*, a wonderful musical comedy. You won't want to miss it. Get your reservations in early as these events do sell out quickly.

This is the weekend that the Seniors will be going from the Center on their trip to Charlestown, New Hampshire. We mentioned before, but just a reminder, be sure and wear warm clothing. It has been chilly here, so you know it is even colder in New Hampshire. And don't forget, bring your walking shoes. Remember your snack as you won't have lunch until 2:30. Have a good time and let us hear about the trip when you get back.

Happy birthday on October 8th to FRANK RAIMONDI, October 10th to MARGARET LANDRY.

For those seniors who will be needing FUEL ASSISTANCE THIS WINTER, the necessary applications will be available at the Senior Center on November 2. Please do not try to get them earlier.

Lunches next week sound like this: Monday, Holiday; Tuesday, meatballs; Wednesday, Chicken Fricassee; Thursday, pea soup; and Friday, fish kabobs.

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All Savers Accounts: A Big Plus

By Rita White

In an effort to pump new money into savings and loans institutions, Congress recently approved a measure giving the taxpayer a significant tax benefit for special All Saver Accounts. These new accounts were available beginning on October 1st and will be on the market until December 31, 1982.

The tax benefit to people for these accounts will allow a married couple, filing jointly, up to \$2,000 in tax-exempt interest and \$1,000 tax-exempt interest to an individual.

The measure approved by Congress did not set a minimum for investing; however, area banks are requiring \$500 minimum with no maximum. But even the \$500 minimum is good for the investor as it is difficult to find a short-term plan which pays a high yield on a small deposit.

The yield people can expect to receive from these certificates will vary depending on when they purchase them. When the accounts became available on October 1st, the yield rate was 12.61%. Every fourth Thursday, there is an auction of one-year Treasury bills, and the yield for the All Saver accounts is based on 70% of the auction rate. The new rate will be announced the next day, giving investors an opportunity to go in either at the old rate or wait until the following Monday to take advantage of the new rate, should it be higher.

Bank officials here were predicting the new rate announced on October 2nd would be lower and they were right. The rate dropped from 12.61% to 12.14%, thus sending those people interested in investing scurrying to the banks on Friday and Saturday to get in at the higher rate of yield.

Indications point to a continued slight drop in the rate of yield in the coming weeks, so it would appear that now is a good time to invest in the new account.

Joseph Rolak, director of marketing for Westbank, confirms that whatever rate at which the certificate is purchased, such as the 12.61%, will be guaranteed for the length of the certificate regardless of what happens to the rate during that period. The purchase rate is what you will receive for the full one-year term.

Victor Carra of Westfield Savings Bank had a reminder to investors. This special All Saver account plan is a one-shot deal. In other words, should you purchase a certificate now and then another one sometime in 1982, thus giving you interest income in 1982 and again in 1983, the total tax exempt amount is still \$2,000 for a married couple and \$1,000 for individuals for the entire plan.

For those investors who plan on monthly income, this plan does allow for monthly checks to be issued. Investors should be very careful about withdrawing their money before maturity as a stiff penalty has been established.

Investors will lose three months of interest and the tax exempt status on any interest they have received from this certificate. Also these monies may not be used as collateral for loans.

Now the opening yield as stated is 12.61%, which is lower than the six-month certificates now available with a current rate of 14.379%. But individuals are looking for the tax benefit with the new plan, so there has been an inclusion in the measure which will allow

holders of six-month certificates to cash them in to reinvest in the new All Saver accounts without suffering a penalty.

The benefit derived from these certificates will obviously depend on the amount invested as well as one's income bracket. Ann Niznik of Shawmut First Bank points out



Vic Carra, Westfield Savings Bank



Ann Niznik, Shawmut First Bank

as the banks are not in the counseling business and do not know each customer's personal business affairs, it may be necessary for potential investors to get in touch with their accountants to see if they will benefit from this plan. Anyone who does his own taxes should know that in order to benefit from this plan he should be in the 30% or higher tax bracket.

One should also be aware that he will still have to pay Massachusetts state tax on the income, so if he is figuring how much benefit will be derived from this

new plan, be sure to take that into consideration.

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Friday night and some banks all day on Saturday. They all seemed to be well-prepared for this new program.

Tony Grimaldi of Community Savings Bank related that his bank had conducted a "phone-a-thon" to existing certificate holders to explain the new plan.

The main point being made by area bank people is that this new plan is not for everyone. But this first month's business seems to indicate that many people have taken advantage of the All Saver accounts.



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WEST SPRINGFIELD TOWN OFFICIALS Phyllis Austin and Frederick S. Conlin Jr., help open the doors at WESTBANK'S new main office on Park Avenue with bank officials William Wagner and Theodore P. Kosior, president of the bank. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

WESTBANK Opens Main Office

As THE PARK WEST BANK AND TRUST COMPANY unlocks the door of their new Main Office, 225 Park Avenue, Monday, October 5, "Independence" will provide the key. An authentic replica of the original iron key used to unlock the main door at Independence Hall in Philadelphia, circa 1776, will officially open the WESTBANK TOWER for business.

WESTBANK is now the only remaining locally owned, independent commercial bank in Hampden County; and, according to Ted Kosior, WESTBANK President, "Using the key will symbolize the strength, flexibility, and security which independence allows today...just as it did for the growth of our Nation." "In addition," Kosior said,

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Tuesday, October 13th
Garden Club Meeting
Capt. Leonard House
7:30 p.m.

Monday, October 19th
Pheasant Hill Club
Monte Carlo Whist
Pheasant Hill Village
7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 22
Chicken Pie Supper
Ladies Aid Society
Ag. Congo Church
5:00 and 6:15 p.m.

Monday, October 26th
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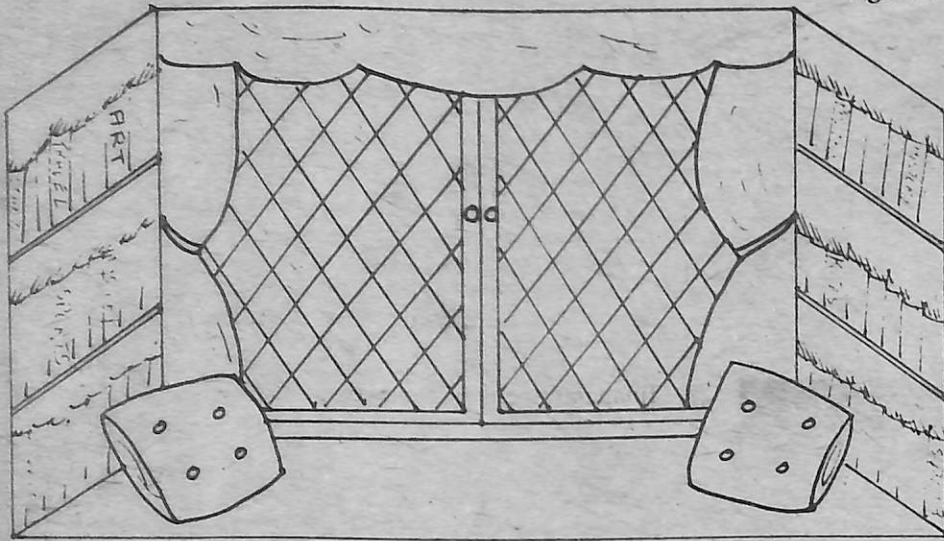
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The READING ROOM

By Rita White

WHEN TV IS A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY By Edward N. McNulty Published By Abbey Press

One of the biggest problems facing parents today is what to allow their children to watch on television. Some of the choices are obvious, but in *When TV is a Member of the Family*, Edward McNulty points out certain facts which are overlooked when they don't deal directly with sex and violence. Without our realizing it, various programs tend to shape our children's attitudes towards each other as well as life in general.

McNulty does not condemn television, but rather points out the positive aspects, showing how it can be used effectively to improve family relationships and to broaden world understanding.

When TV is a Member of the Family is an easy book to read, small in size, but large in importance. It is recommended for all families.

Edward McNulty is a Presbyterian minister and television authority. He is the TV critic for *Marriage and Family Living* and serves as editor of *Mass Media Newsletter*.

Abbey Press has another important release available to families entitled *When Your Child Is Overweight* by Leslie-Jane Maynard.

Obesity is a major concern to many today, and it is obviously crucial to recognize this problem in children. It is too easy to excuse an overweight child by labeling the problem as "baby fat." An overweight child will invariably become an overweight adult.

In the interest of bringing up children to be healthy individuals, capable of coping with life's stresses and enjoying life's bounties, Ms. Maynard helps parents recognize and understand the causes of childhood obesity.

She points out the emotional difficulties encountered in dealing with the problem and tries to provide parents with some answers that can guide them in their efforts to solve this problem.

Leslie-Jane Maynard is director of Dieters Counseling Service in New York City and is also a nutritional consultant to the New York Institute for Child Development.

Dr. Katherine Schlaffer Joins Practice

Dr. Katherine M. Schlaffer joins Dr. Joseph Schlaffer in chiropractic practice at 225 Springfield St., Agawam.

Originally from Ipswich, Mass., Katherine grew up in Fishkill, N.Y. where she completed high school.

Dr. Schlaffer received her associate degree from Springfield Technical Community College. In 1975 she graduated from Cleveland College of Chiropractic in Kansas City, Missouri with a Doctor of Chiropractic degree.

Dr. Schlaffer has practiced and holds licenses in Mass., New Hampshire, and Missouri.

Prior to joining her husband in practice she spent time raising their three year old daughter, Erica.



Dr. Katherine Schlaffer



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Letters to the Editor

Firefighters Assoc. Sponsors Drive

To The Editor:

The Agawam Permanent Firemen's Association is sponsoring a fundraising drive to purchase a new ambulance for the Town of Agawam. This is the first time that the association has sponsored the fundraising drive, but since we are so closely associated with the ambulance, we thought it would be appropriate.

The goal is \$50,000 and this will be adequate to purchase a vehicle which will replace our present ambulance.

The present ambulance is a 1976 Chevrolet Modulance which now has been driven over 60,000 miles. The total mileage will probably be well over 80,000 when the vehicle is replaced. The ambulance service does over 1,000 calls each year, and the number increases each year.

The present ambulance has served the town well, but, as with any emergency vehicle of this type, the miles have taken their toll, and we would like to make the purchase before costly repairs are needed.

The ambulance service in the past has been without a specific charge, and, although we have little influence on the policy of the Town of Agawam, hopefully the ambulance will remain as it has in the past. The ambulance service is one of the vital services provided by the Agawam Firefighters, and any contribution would be greatly appreciated.

Please make checks payable to the Agawam Firefighters' Association Ambulance Fund. Mailing address is P. O. Box 911, Feeding Hills 01030.

Sincerely yours,

Randall E. Cushing

Agawam Permanent Firemen's Association

More Mayor Support

To The Editor:

Ten years ago, we voters of Agawam voted for a town manager form of government. At that time, it was reported that other towns would be watching closely to perhaps adopt the same. As it has happened, no other towns that we are aware of have followed our course. Why? Ten years ago when we thought we were getting a town manager form of government, factually that was not what we were voting for. A manager/council is a city form of government. There is a big difference, but space does not permit an explanation here.

The head of the Charter Commission knew at that time exactly what he was promoting, but chose not to make the facts known. We, myself included, not knowing or understanding these things at the time, put our trust in what he told us. This same individual is trying to sell us the same form of government again. "Fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice, shame on me." Voters, don't be taken in again.

Though we continue to be called a town, we are indeed a city because of the type of government we now have. Therefore, since a manager/council has not worked, we should opt for a mayor since our charter is now set up for a mayor.

While I believe Mr. Caba could do a good job as manager, the fact remains that the same problems of a 15-member council will surely surface again and because of political overtures, we could and would fare the same fate as his predecessors. Again fifteen councilors would decide.

With a mayor, we, the people, will elect the man to run our town effectively, efficiently, and professionally, not a majority of fifteen as is the present situation. If he, the mayor, does or does not do a satisfactory job, then in two years, we, the people, say whether he stays or goes, not a majority of fifteen.

Let's give the government of our town back to "we, the people."

A.D.

Mayor Support Criticized

To The Editor:

I would like to comment on the issue of a mayor or manager for the Town of Agawam.

Opponents of the council/manager form have as one of their leaders Robert DeForge, a councilor-at-large, a man who was elected under the council/manager form of government, who now states that the council/manager form of government is no good.

Now it seems to me that Mr. DeForge is saying that he did not do the job we elected him to do. I believe that Mr. DeForge has visions for himself when he should be working for the government he was elected to.

Government is only as good as the people in it.

Jean P. Milone

391 Regency Park Dr., Agawam

LEGAL NOTICE INVITATION FOR BIDS AGAWAM HOUSING AUTHORITY

Sealed proposals for SNOW PLOWING AND SNOW REMOVAL will be received until 4:00 P.M. on Monday, October 19, 1981, at the office of the Agawam Housing Authority at Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, MA 01001. Specifications available at office.

Frank Chriscola, Jr.
Chairman

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF AGAWAM

In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 135, Section 8, the Town of Agawam will hold a public auction for all unclaimed goods at 36 Main Street (to the rear of the Town Hall), Agawam, Massachusetts on October 24, 1981 at 10:00 a.m. Items to be auctioned at the above-stated date, time and place are described herein as approximately twenty-five (25) bicycles and various miscellaneous items.

Any person upon reviewing the articles prior to the sale who claims ownership of a recovered article may claim the article with proof of ownership at time of sale.

Edward A. Caba,

Town Manager

Published: Oct. 1, 8, 15, 1981

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF AGAWAM

APPROVED ORDINANCE

In The Year One Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-One

An ordinance regulating assessments for new sewers and drains; the calculation and method of assessment; the portion of cost to be paid by the town, and providing for the payment, apportionment, abatement, re-determination, extension and deferral of sewer and drain assessments in the Town of Agawam, County of Hampden, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Be it ordained and enacted by the Town Council of the Town of Agawam as follows:

Chapter 19B, Sections 19B-1 through 19B-8 inclusive, entitled "Assessments - Sewers and Drains" is hereby inserted in the Town Code immediately following Chapter 19A, entitled "User Charges for Wastewater Facilities"; said Chapter 19B in its entirety shall be as follows:

Such Chapter 19B, Sections 19B-1 through 19B-8 inclusive, entitled "Assessments - Sewers & Drains" is of a length too cumbersome for publication. Accordingly, copies of the chapter are now available for reference at the Office of the Town Clerk, 36 Main Street, Agawam, Ma. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

By order of the Agawam Town Council

Rita S. Rose

Assistant Town Clerk

Published: October 8, 1981

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Building, Agawam THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1981 at 8:00 P.M. o'clock to all parties interested in the appeal of JANET H. THIBAUT who is seeking relief from Section 20, Paragraph 43 (e) of the Zoning Ordinances to allow the construction of an addition to an existing building with less than the required setback clearance at the premises known as 25 COOLEY STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,

Theodore A. Progulski, Chairman

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By order of the Board of Appeals,

Theodore A. Progulski, Chairman

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By order of the Board of Appeals,

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By order of the Board of Appeals,

Theodore A. Progulski, Chairman

Published: Oct. 1, 1981
Oct. 8, 1981

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, October 15, 1981, at 7:00 P.M., in the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA.

The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the public comments on a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 20, Zoning, of the Code of Agawam;

Chapter 20, Article VIII, Sec. 20-45(e) is hereby amended to read as follows: (e) Amusement parks, bowling alleys, roller skating rinks or arcades containing three (3) or more pinball or electronic games.

AND

Chapter 20, Article X, Sec. 20-70 is amended to read as follows: Sec. 20-70 - Pinball or Electronic Games

Any use having three or more pinball or electronic games operated for a profit shall require a special permit from the Town Council.

BY ORDER OF THE AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman

Agawam Planning Board

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LEGAL NOTICE APPROVED ORDINANCE TOWN OF AGAWAM

In The Year One Thousand Nine Hundred And Eighty One

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF
THE TOWN OF AGAWAM

An ordinance to amend Chapter 14, Article III, Section 14-11, sub-section XI entitled "Unclassified Positions" is hereby amended as follows, effective July 1, 1981:

CHANGE AS INDICATED -

XI. Unclassified Positions

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Town & Council Clerk

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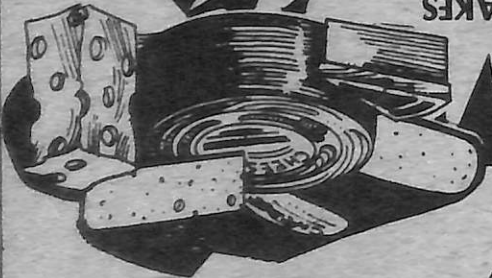
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Grand Opening For Romito Family



TOWN OFFICIALS JOIN IN: Several town officials participated in the Grand Opening ceremonies of Romito & Sons on Monday. From left, Ralph Romito stands guard while Town Manager Edward A. Caba and Chamber of Commerce President Raymond Pieczarka (back), Town Council President Paul Fieldstad, Maureen Romito, and Angelo Romito, now semi-retired from the family business, watch John Romito cut the ribbon.



PRECINCT ONE COUNCILOR FRED NARDI (left) greets Angelo Romito and John Romito at the Grand Opening ceremonies on Monday. The Romito's are celebrating 60 years in business.



JOHN ROMITO, owner and operator of Romito & Sons, poses with Store Manager Harry Lambouses. Both John and Harry are on hand at the store to help customers.



THREE GENERATIONS OF ROMITO'S: The Romito family, from left, Ralph, the newest generation, his parents, Maureen and John, and of course, Angelo Romito who is now semi-retired from the family business but can still be seen at the Romito's store in East Longmeadow and their new store on Walnut Street.



MAUREEN, JOHN AND RALPH ROMITO are keeping their fine business right in the family. Maureen helps John run the Agawam store in-between John running back to his East Longmeadow store.

Romitos Celebrate 60 Years

Sixty years in business for any family is an accomplishment. That's how the Romito family views their recent Grand Opening/60-year anniversary celebration held at their new Agawam store this week.

The Romito family is well-known throughout the area for their gourmet foods...the Romito & Sons store in East Longmeadow has long been a popular spot.

The Romitos have now expanded into our community with a deli-style gourmet food store, brimming with fine meats, cheeses, salads and other goods.

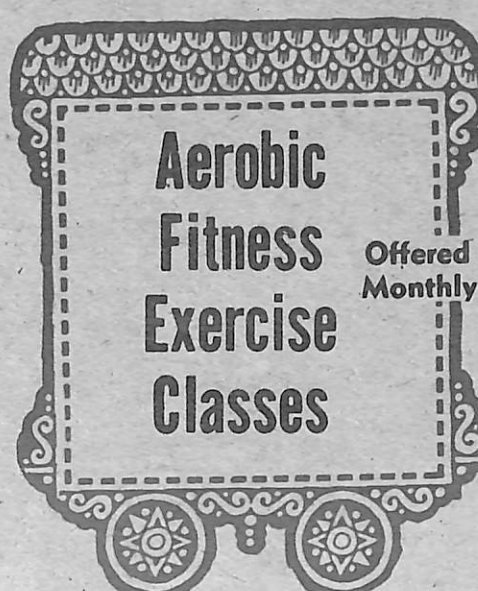
On hand to help the Romito family open their doors this week were Town Manager Edward A. Caba, Town Council President Paul Fieldstad, Precinct 1 Councilor Frederick Nardi and Chamber of Commerce President Raymond Pieczarka.

The staff of the *Advertiser/News* welcomes the Romito family to Agawam and wishes them another 60 years of success as a family-run business.

Photos By Jack Devine

ALL ABOARD FOR THE Four Seasons Sportsplex

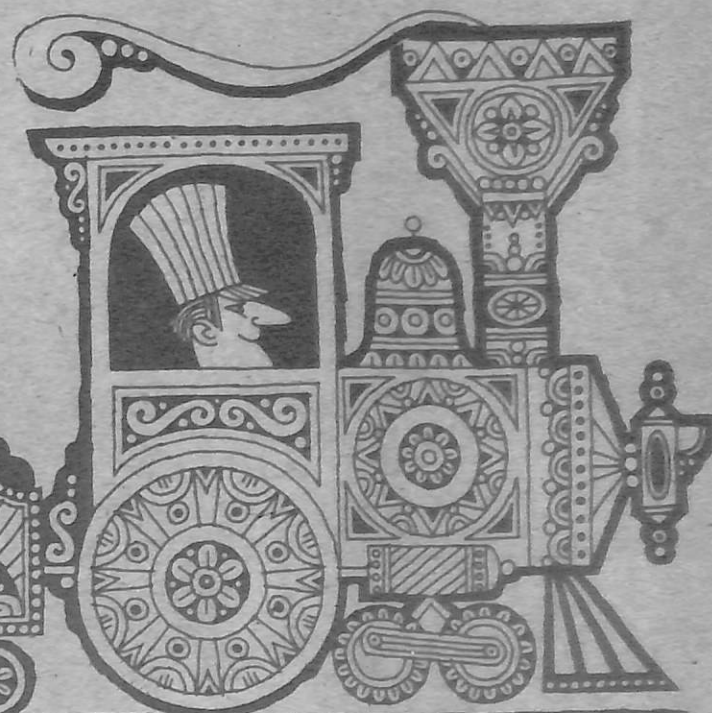
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SCHOOL NEWS



School Lunch Program: Still A Bargain

By Joanne Brown

October 12-16 are the days marked as National School Lunch Week across the country, and it seems fitting that we take this opportunity to pay tribute to the dedicated workers who staff the Agawam school cafeterias.

Most of these women are mothers who now have, or have had, children attending schools here. They are highly conscious of the quality of food served to our youngsters as well as of the cleanliness of their kitchens and utensils.

The average length of service among these workers is six to seven years, though some have over twenty years in the program. One in particular deserves special recognition.

Florence Wojnarowicz joined the school lunch program back in 1948 when hot meals were first introduced at the secondary level, and she's been with it ever since. In her 33 years, she has worked primarily at the Middle School, first as helper and now as manager of that cafeteria.

She joined her mother, Lena Raschi, in the program at what was then the Junior-Senior High School. Prior to the hot meal program, only sandwiches and snacks were prepared.

"We began by serving about 360 hot meals a day back then," Florence recalls, "and pizza and hamburgers were most popular then just like today."

At that time, each school handled its own ordering and preparation of food. According to Florence, that practice resulted in confusion and complaints.

"Now that we have one director who orders the food and plans the same menus for all schools, we have fewer problems," Florence explains. "Now mothers can plan suppers without wondering if one or the other of their children will eat the same foods for lunch at school."

As manager of the Middle School cafeteria, she serves about 600 meals daily using menus planned around commodities supplied by the federal government. These commodities, such as turkey, hamburger, peanut butter and canned fruit, function as the base of the nationally-mandated Type A lunch.

According to School Lunch Program Director Frank Godek, the Type A lunch consists of two ounces of protein, one serving of a bread item, ¾ cup of a combination of fruit and vegetable, and milk. Desserts are included as extras for the students.

Feature Of The Week



FLORENCE WOJNAROWICZ

Florence explains that she has some difficulty in planning the number of meals to be served each day as secondary students pay as they take their lunch. Elementary students pay at the beginning of the day, allowing cafeteria workers a definite count of meals required each day.

Even with these minor inconveniences, Florence has no intention of retiring soon. A widow with one married son, she finds the Middle School cafeteria like her second home.

"I love the people I work with, the teachers, and the kids," she declares. She boasts that the students at her school this year are the "best ever" with no damage occurring or food fights taking place.

"They're a good bunch of kids who are well-behaved and not fresh in line," she points out.

Recalling other favorite students served in the past, Florence immediately mentions present Superintendent of Schools James Bruno Jr., who "loved my hamburgers."

According to Godek, school lunches served daily are off about 20% from last year at this time - a drop he attributes to the rise in price by ten cents. Agawam, though, at 55 cents and 60 cents, is still way under other area towns such as East Longmeadow and Chicopee at 85 cents or Westfield at 80 cents.

Godek comments, "The number of lunches being served should go up soon with the coming of cold weather. Parents like their kids to have hot meals on cold days."

He also notes that the number should rise with the implementation of free and reduced price meals now in effect for needy students. These account for approximately 10-12 percent of meals served.

Godek indicated that reimbursement to Agawam from the federal government amounts to 11½¢ per meal; from the state, 6¢, and in commodities, an amount worth about 11¢. He finds the program just about breaking even as he estimates the average cost per meal to be 80¢ including labor and utensils. Meals for needy students are reimbursed on a flat rate basis that covers the entire cost.

In an attempt to encourage good nutrition, Godek does not recommend offering any "junk food" in his cafeterias. Alternates to the Type A meal are offered at Agawam High, though, and are very popular, especially a salad bar open on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Seconds are available to students who purchase the lunch of the day. Godek notes that he often permits giving seconds for free if the meal has been made from a commodity donated to the program, but must charge what it costs to purchase certain other items such as an extra hamburger or slice of pizza.

On Wednesday, October 14th, each school in Agawam will serve the same menu that is planned for every school in the country as a national observance of School Lunch Week. Officials estimate that some 30 million children will be eating the same type of lunch on that day.

Each cafeteria in Agawam will have a certain number of plates marked on the bottom. Any student receiving a marked plate will receive a free lunch that day.

Godek emphasizes that a nutritious school lunch is a vanguard of all learning. It is virtually impossible to teach a child who is hungry.

AHS Band To Participate In Musictown Festival III

On Monday, October 12th, the Agawam High School Band and Color Guard will join with approximately 2,000 other young adults from nine high school marching bands in Somerset, Massachusetts, for Musictown Festival III.

A festival flag will be presented to each band as it arrives, and the bands will begin to perform at 11 o'clock. Following the field shows, each band will be served lunch compliments of the festival.

The final event will be the Grand Parade at 2:30 with all bands participating. Last year, the parade drew over 80,000 people with its show of floats, antique autos, fire trucks, clowns, Raggedy Ann and Andy, Big Bird and other Sesame characters, and the festival queen.

766 PAC To Meet

The Parents Advisory Council for Special Needs Children (766) will hold a meeting on October 13th at 7:30 p.m. at the Agawam Junior High School.

All interested parents of special needs children are welcome to attend. Mr. Joseph Costanzo, the new director of Special Services, will be introduced.



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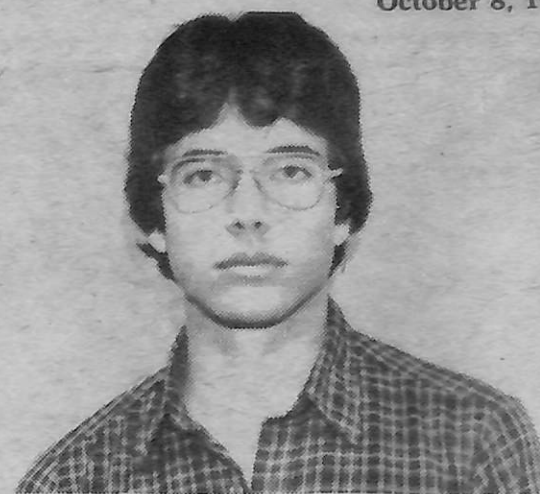
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Thurs., Oct. 15: Hamburg in roll, buttered rice, broccoli cuts, petite banana, milk
Fri., Oct. 16: 1/2-tuna salad sandwich, 1-peanut butter & jelly sandwich, oven potato puffs, sweet potato cake w/icing, milk

**Boy Scout Troop 77
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Boy Scouts of Troop 77 are having a paper drive on Saturday and Sunday, October 17 and 18. A truck will be parked at St. John the Evangelist Church, Main Street.

Scouts will be there to assist anyone wishing to drop off papers.



Andrew Lester

**AHS Senior Named
Merit Semi-Finalist**

Andrew Lester, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lester of 56 Parkedge Drive, Feeding Hills, has been notified by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation that he has been chosen a semi-finalist in their scholarship program.

Over one million students enrolled in some 18,000 secondary schools nationwide entered the 1982 Merit Program by taking the PSAT/NMSQT in 1980. Semi-finalists in each state represent the top half of one percent of the state's high school senior class.

Lester, a senior at Agawam High, is active in the band, wind ensemble, jazz combo, and National Honor Society. He plans to attend college to major in electrical engineering.

Being named a semi-finalist puts him in contention for one of 5,000 national merit scholarships to be awarded in the spring of 1982.

Charles H. Noble, also a senior at Agawam High, has been commended by the National Merit Scholarship Program for placing in the top 51,000 participants in the current competition throughout the country.

The designation as a commended student is an outstanding attainment, according to a spokesman for the scholarship corporation, one worthy of public recognition.

Of some 1.2 million students entered into competition, about 36,000 are being commended this month. These students scored high, but slightly below those in their respective states who qualified as Merit Program semi-finalists.

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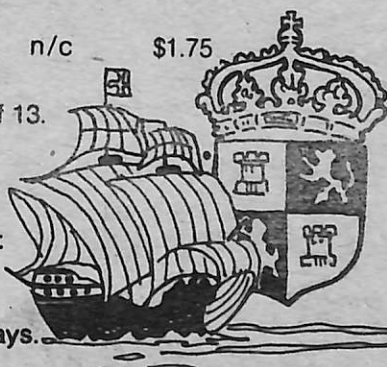
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Guidance Bulletin Board

By Paul Cavallo
Dept. Chairman

The following is a partial reprint from an article in *Good Housekeeping*, August, 1981, entitled "Calendar To Help Get Your Kids Into College." I thought this would be interesting because it applies to both juniors and seniors. The timetable is September through February. Next week's column will include March through August.

September: 11th grade: Make sure you are taking a strong college preparatory program.

12th grade: Prepare for the November SAT's by taking practice tests in an SAT book or taking an SAT review course; attend meetings with college representatives when they visit your school; set up interviews and college visits.

October: 11th grade: Take the PSAT (results come in 4-6 weeks; top scores qualify for the National Merit Scholarships).

12th grade: Visit and have interviews at colleges; attend meetings at school with college representatives; register for November SAT's and Achievements.

November: 11th grade: have preliminary college discussions with counselors

12th grade: SAT and Achievement tests this month (scores received in 4-6 weeks); meet at school with college rep's and interview at colleges; fill out college application forms; deadline for some early decision applications.

December: 12th grade: Some early decision replies; mail applications to college with January 1, 1982 deadlines; SAT and Achievement tests given; FAF forms should be filled out in preparation for an early mailing - anytime after January 1st.

January: 11th grade: Prepare for spring SAT's by taking tests in an SAT review book and perhaps registering for an SAT review course.

12th grade: Mid to late January deadlines for some early and some regular decision applications; make sure all material relating to applications has been sent to each college; some achievement tests this month; apply for most college scholarships.

February: 11th grade: Discuss your PSAT scores with counselor to see how to review for SAT; start studying for SAT's.

12th grade: February 1st and 15th deadline for applications at some colleges; send updated material to add to your file at each college.

Upcoming Events

Oct. 13th: College Fair at AIC gymnasium, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or 7 to 9 p.m.

Oct. 14th: Baystate Medical Center rep. at 9 a.m.

Oct. 15: Green Mountain College rep at 9 a.m.

Fairleigh Dickinson rep at 10:15 a.m. and Pine Manor rep at 12:30 p.m.

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Agawam Native Displays Art Works At HCC

An art exhibit entitled "Recent Abstractions" will be displayed by former Agawam resident Marcia Reed-Hendricks at Holyoke Community College during the month of October.

The show opened on Monday, October 5th, with a reception for the artist and includes large paintings and all of Ms. Reed-Hendricks' 1980-81 works under glass. The show will run until October 30th.

Marcia Reed-Hendricks is an Agawam native who graduated from Holyoke Community College in 1974 and earned a bachelor of fine arts degree two years later from UMass. She has been a faculty member at the Williston-Northampton School since 1977. She currently resides in Northampton.

The exhibit may be seen during regular library hours of 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 to 5 on Fridays. There is no admission charge.

Barr Scholarship Accepting Applications

The trustees of the Horace Smith Fund announce that undergraduate scholarships amounting to \$10,000 will be awarded from the Walter S. Barr Donation to prospective college students in the senior classes of area secondary schools, including Agawam High School.

The awards may be renewed for three additional years if the student's academic standing continues to be satisfactory and need for assistance continues.

In order to be considered, completed applications must be received in the office of the Horace Smith Fund not later than December 31st. Candidates are expected to take the Scholastic Aptitude Test of the College Entrance Examination Board on November 7th or December 5th.

Retired Teachers To Meet

The fall meeting of the Massachusetts Retired Teachers of Hampden North will take place at the Wyckoff Park Golf and Country Club on Easthampton Road, Holyoke, on Wednesday, October 14th. A luncheon will be preceded by a social hour from 11 to noon.

The meeting to follow will be conducted by President Marjorie Williams and will include reports from all standing committees. National and State greetings will come from Mrs. Marion Fogerty, state director of National Retired Teachers.

Arrangements for the luncheon have been made by Mrs. John Crawford and Mrs. Edward McMahon.

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SPORTS

Brownies Pound Tech, 37-18

By George Sandlin

The scene for Agawam's last independent clash of the season and first away game was Springfield's Ted Plum Field and oh how the locals wish they could all be like their encounter with Tech's Tigers.

The locals thrashed the Tigers, 37-18 in their first meeting since 1978 when Tech dropped into a lower schoolboy division.

Senior halfback Paul Dezielle, coming off two sub-par performances against Ludlow and Longmeadow, exploded against Tech with 117 yards on 19 carries and four (count-em 4) touchdowns, all along the infantry route.

Also turning in stellar performances in launching Agawam to a 3-0 record were quarterback Scott Negrucci and fullback Al Feeney.

Feeney, a junior, gained 60 yards on 12 rushes as offensive line members Scott Smith, Steve Grasseti and Dan Giordano opened many gaping holes for Feeney and Dezielle.

The Agawam offense, adequate against Ludlow but listless in a 12-9 win over Longmeadow, was at their best in two years on Saturday. Before Tech could blink any eye, the locals jumped on them for 9 points minutes into the opening quarter.

After receiving the opening kickoff, the locals chewed up 23 yards to the Tech 47, setting up their most electrifying play from scrimmage of the season. Negrucci lofted a picture perfect 47 yard strike over a bewildered Tech defense and into the awaiting hands of John Calabrese.

New Zealander Peter Lindsay, back from a bout with leg troubles, kicked his first of five extra points.

Lindsay, on the ensuing kickoff, boomed a shot to the Tech goal line forcing a safety when the Tech receiver knelt in the end zone looking for a touchback but instead giving Agawam a controversial two points and 9-0 lead.

After that, it was all downhill for Tech although they did display several bursts of offensive strength which kept the locals tough defense busy by allowing 18 points, twice more than their first two games combined.

Tech's one big claim to fame during a long afternoon was a brilliant 81 yard run to paydirt by Jesse Webb. Webb was caught by five Brownie defenders at his own 5 yard line for what appeared to be a big loss but somehow he escaped and raced to the end zone.

Tech managed 283 yards rushing and found holes everywhere but their defense was not match for Agawam's regenerated offense and Dezielle who scored almost a will.

Turnovers were also a plaguing malady for Tech on this cloudy Saturday afternoon, as they coughed up the ball five times, giving Agawam's offense ample playing time.

The Brownie secondary was stiff throughout, allowing just two completions in 11 attempts by the Tigers.

Around The Ends With The Brownies

By George Sandlin

The hometowners came out of Saturday's big 37-18 win with many nagging bumps and bruises from a physical and aggressive Tech Tiger squad. Tech, quicker than Agawam, but far more inexperienced and less disciplined, were no match for Agawam.

Tech's 283 yards rushing against the Brownies was their biggest plus in an afternoon which saw Agawam wind the scoreboard silly.

The defensive letdown by Agawam may be due to the fact they had come off two hard fought and emotionally draining defensive triumphs over Ludlow and Longmeadow. Tech could muster only 19 yards through the airwaves which was a critical deficiency to their strong running attack. Agawam's 37 points better last year's highest output by 9 points.

In most offensive statistics, the Brownies equalled or bettered Tech's output. The two significant factors were in the first down and passing departments. Agawam racked up 18 first downs to only 7 for Tech. Tech's one big blow was an 81 yard run by Jesse Webb which padded their run statistics.

Senior quarterback Scott Negrucci completed five passes for 105 yards while Tech could claim just two completions for a telling 19 yards.

Tech's committed three fumbles and All-League safety John Darnell and junior cornerback Bob Eggleston each picked off a Tech aerial. Agawam was cited for five penalties for 45 yards. Tech had just one infraction whistled, this for 15 yards. In the third and fourth down conversion department, the Brownies were an excellent 6-9.

Brownie head coach Jack Michalak seemed pleased with the performance of his offense. He said, "I was really happy with (Paul) Dezielle's running game. He used his blockers well and (Scott) Negrucci did a super job at quarterback."

Michalak also noted that his first team offense did not punt once. He also praised the entire offensive line for making sharp, crisp blocks. He was not happy with the defensive effort. He said of Tech's success in moving the ball against Agawam, "We were not hitting or tackling with the authority we should be doing."

On Friday night the locals are under the lights at Szot Park against Bill Moge's Chicopee Pacers, a team that has not scored against Agawam in three years. Michalak says the Pacers are a scrappy squad which commits few mistakes and who sports a tough defense. Greg Roy calls the signals for Chicopee and is considered a good one.

Booters Continue Win Streak

The boys soccer team at Agawam High School continued its winning streak by extending its record to 5-1 last week. The Brownies will find how real they really are this week with tough encounters with Longmeadow and Minnechaug on the way at press time.

Coach Bob Sartwell's squad saw action in Springfield last week on a blustery day, beating Putnam.

Seniors Billy O'Brien and Carmen Romeo, both playing on the front line for Agawam, teamed for the locals first tally with O'Brien being credited with the score.

On a penalty shot Davey Jenks salted away his fourth goal of the season, placing him at the top of the scoring list for Agawam in a 2-0 victory.

Agawam has looked strong on defense as the season progressed. If they continue in this fashion and steady action, indications are that they are heading towards their best overall record. Almost at the mid-point of their schedule, the Brownies still have plenty of competition to get by nevertheless, Longmeadow, Minnechaug and West Side are always tough competitors, as in Amherst.

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Brownie' Girls Drop Loss To West Side

By Charles J. Duclos

Coach Barbara Stevens' varsity girls soccer team copped one and dropped two to end last week with a record of 4 wins, two losses and one tie.

West Springfield slipped past the Brownie's goalie four times on Agawam's home turf last Monday. The West Side defense, however, frustrated the home team's opportunities for scoring and took a shutout back across the tracks.

Earlier this week Agawam had their way with Hopkins in a 7-0 romp. Scoring goals for the Brownies were Tami Fassnacht (2) and singles for Kelly Lizewski, Lori Costa, Lisa Chevalier, Jennifer O'Brien and Dana Venturini. Assists were turned in by Lori Costa, Peg Foley, Diane Goodman, Lena Kozloski, and doubles for Lisa Chevalier. In the shutout, goalie Julie Miodowski had 8 saves.

A hard driving Cathedral team entered the win column with a 3-0 victory over Agawam. At the half Agawam had only given up a single tally, and although the girls played good defensive ball, the Panthers netted two more before the final whistle.

Acting coach of the j.v. team, Lynda Kunasek, is pleased with the squad's overall performance, although they dropped their first two outings.

"This team was only selected a week ago and are now basically playing for the first time," Kunasek said. "They should mature as the short (they only play five games) season progresses."

Missy Sullivan was credited with Agawam's sole goal against West Springfield in a 2-1 victory. Sullivan scored in the top half on a pass from Ellen Caulkins.

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Little League Baseball Awards Night



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Sportsmen Corner

By Bill Chiba

The bow season opened with less than a bang in Connecticut. The deer are widespread and the main diet is acorns. There are oak tree ridges that are loaded with acorns. The other day the acorns dropped so hard that it sounded like rain.

While we were into our stands before daybreak waiting for the opening gun, a young fellow from Wilbraham arrived late for his morning hunt. He gathered his gear and started to walk west on a dirt road in the MDC section of the forest. Suddenly he stopped and could not believe his eyes. To his right, about thirty yards away, stood a beautiful eight-point buck.

The deer was staring at him. He had a small opening in the brush to try to put an arrow through. He shot and the buck took off. His arrow was true to the mark.

Bobby Briggs, Agawam fireman, met the young lad dragging the deer up the road about nine in the morning. Bob, being the good Samaritan that he is, lent a helping hand and even assisted the youth in weighing the deer at the Tolland town clerk's store. Gene Pappas, Peg's husband, remarked that it is the finest deer he has weighed since opening the station three years ago. The large buck weighed field dressed 165 pounds.

Clyde Light, the local beekeeper, had an incident happen that he won't forget for some time. He no more than settled himself in a tree in a selected oak stand when along came a large buck with antlers so large that the tines reminded Clyde of large carrots. The rack fascinated Clyde and he couldn't take his eyes off of it. The deer walked into the perfect spot and stood. Clyde drew back, released the arrow and hit the buck in the antlers. The buck staggered and then walked off into the underbrush.

There are a lot of deer in Connecticut, but there are hundreds of gray squirrels. I have never seen so many in the woods as there are this year. The previous mild winters have contributed to a population explosion. Squirrels are not hunted to any degree in this area as they are in the South and other parts of the country.

Well, nature will take its course, and disease will take over this year or next and only the hardy will survive. Because of the number of squirrels in Massachusetts, the F & W Board opened the season for hunting them in early September.

Grouse season opens October 10th and there are plenty of birds around. The bow and arrow season for deer opens October 10th in Vermont. The scouts report seeing a lot of deer. Again the wild apples are scarce. The deer are being observed in the fields and in oak tree patches.

[If any sportsmen out there wish to contact Bill Chiba, he may be reached at his Feeding Hills home telephone number (413) 786-5539.]

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Frosh Sports - Will Their Loss Hurt Agawam?

With the new school year well underway, the absence of all freshmen sports at the Junior High School has received little fanfare.

Not Much Fuss

The youngsters nor their parents have made no fuss about the loss of freshmen football, girls soccer and the freshmen cheerleading squad as the school system begins the month of October.

But coaches polled on the varsity level are uneasy and disquieted about the current situation, which has its roots in the taxcutting Proposition 2 1/2.

Last spring when the School Committee deliberated on the budget, all freshmen sports for the 1981-82 school session, including girls and boys basketball, boys baseball and girls softball, fell to the 2 1/2 axe.

The School Committee and administration didn't enjoy swinging the axe but surrounding communities in domino-like fashion dropped their freshmen sports, forcing Athletic Clifford Kibbe to report that his office was having great difficulty scheduling games.

Since high transportation outlays mandates keeping interscholastic competition closer to home, even on the varsity level, the dye was cast for freshmen sports in Agawam.

The problem with the loss of freshmen sports is two-fold. First, varsity coaches are concerned that many students who normally would compete on the freshmen level this fall are staying off the athletic fields...many simply cannot even compete with older, more seasoned students at the high school who perform on the varsity and junior varsity levels.

Lifted The Ban

The School Committee lifted a 1974 ban on freshmen competing on high school teams to compensate for the loss of freshmen sports. The ban was imposed when the new Junior High School opened, making the high school a three-year school.

While several varsity coaches are worried about the long range effects on their programs, another area which worries officials is the fact that many youngsters who normally are exposed to interscholastic competition must now wait at least one year, and in some, two years, before they can play. (For example, an eighth grader cannot play for his school until his/her sophomore year in high school).

So far, the numbers game also bears witness to the difficulty freshmen have staying in pace with their older peers at the high school.

According to veteran Junior High School principal, Paul Tatro, 18 junior high students are participating on high school teams; 8 on football, 1 on boys soccer, 3 on girls soccer, and 4 on girls gymnastics.

Under ordinary circumstances, approximately 35 boys would compete on the freshmen football team, 22-25 on boys soccer and between 13-15 as frosh cheerleaders.

Tatro predicted when the year ends, no more than 20 percent of the freshmen who normally wear junior high colors will cut the mustard on either junior varsity or varsity teams.

Have An Advantage

Tatro says that schools with freshmen in the high school have an advantage over school systems such as Agawam whose freshmen are in the junior high and not at the high school.

"Adjusting to the two-building thing may not be easy for the students in the junior high," he stated. "I really rather doubt many of the ninth graders will see much playing time up on the high school level. With their own programs many are getting into games all the time."

Tatro acknowledges that the process of time may wear down the barriers facing freshmen. He, like many other coaches and administrators interviewed, agree that if the Athletic Department can assemble a feasible schedule with teams close to home, freshmen sports could find a way back into the budget.

"I know it bothered the School Committee to cut the freshmen sports. But Agawam was one of the last towns to do it and our hand was forced because Proposition 2 1/2 hit others much harder than it did us," Tatro added.

The concept of intra-mural sports at the junior high, where students form teams and play in an informal school league, has yet to generate enthusiasm, according to Kibbe.

Takes Time For Intramurals

The school department cannot locate an individual to organize the program, which would include flag football and boys and girls soccer.

"It just will take time for the intramural program to catch on," says Kibbe.

In the meantime, how the lost one or two years of interscholastic competition will affect freshmen athletes in terms of their future in sports at the high school can only be determined over a course of time. Will athletes lose interest? In some sports, perhaps. In others, there seems to be adequate competition within the community to keep the kids' interest keen until they reach high school.

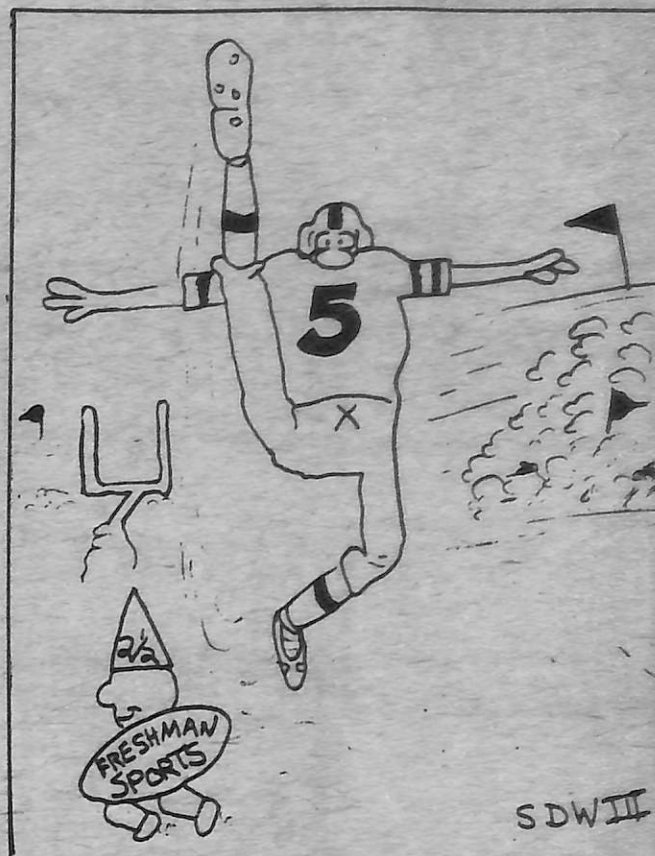
"So far, we have heard very little from the youngsters at the school. There seems to be no change in their outlook. The response has been just as if things were the way they were before," says Tatro.

Added Kibbe, "No one liked the situation last spring. It was just a fact of life. I think if things don't change next year or even the year after individual towns will begin on their own. I believe that only over a period of time and it's put to the test can we tell what's going on."

As for the programs at the high school, most varsity coaches agree that the result will have a negative impact on their respective programs over a long haul.

Next week, we'll hear some comments from the coaches on the loss of freshmen sports.

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